ed demand of Rs. 27.80 crores from M/s. ITC Ltd., Bangalore has been got vacated;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) -what steps Government propose to take against the said company to recover the dues in public interastv

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) No Sir, the stay order has not so far been asked to take steps for vacation of stay order and for early disposal of the writ petition. Action for recovery of dues will depend upon the order of the High Court.

Development of Adventure Tourism in the Country

*196. SHRI S, K. T. RAMACHAN-DRAN; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to encourage adventure tourism in the country;

(b) what has been the foreign exchange earning from tourism during 1991; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase foreign exchange earning through tourism?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MA-DHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) To encourage Adventure Tourism financial assistance is provided to State Governments for purchase of equipment. Seminars, Meets, Exhibitions and training programmes are organised in association with State Governments and adventure related organisations. Publicity material is also produced for marketing and promotion of adventure tourism in India and abroad.

(b) Foreign exchange earnings from tourism for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are estimated at Rs. 2053 crores, Rs. 2456 cores and Rs. 2441 crores respectively.

(c) Continuous and concerted efforts are made to increase tourist arrivals and foreign exchange earnings. These include development of infrastructure facilities, identification and development of new destinations as well as publicity, promotion and marketing in the tourism generating markets overseas. A National Action Plan for Tourism for increasing tourist arrivals and foreign exchange earnings has been presented to Parliament on 5-5-1992,

CBI Investigations against ITDC Executives

*197. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the ITDC executives against whom vigilance cases and/or CBI/CVC investigations were pending have either resigned or have been offered premature retirement under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme of the ITDC;

(b) if so, what are the details of such executives alongwith the cases in which they were/are involved and quantum of compensation given to them under this scheme;

(c) what is the justification for dropping the CBI/CVC investigations and alo the disciplinary cases against the said ITDC executives; and

(d) whether Government would order an impartial inquiry to Ax the responsibility on the concerned officials who favoured the above-men tioned employees of the ITDC with the benefit under the Voluntary retirement Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MA-DHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the ITDC executives against whom internal vigilance cases or CBI investigations were pending have hought voluntary retirement under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme.